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Wow – what a amazing start to the term! It was lovely to see such smiley faces on the yard on Tuesday morning – I'm not sure who looked happier – the children or the parents!

The children have settled really well into another new routine and are an absolute credit to you all.

There have been some beautiful moments this week...

- seeing how well our new nursery and reception children have settled in their new classes
- real, in person assemblies
- hearing the children singing in the hall
- hearing the laughter and enjoyment in indoor PE sessions
- seeing the children working in group tables again

The school environment is also looking great with our new classroom tables and chairs and dining room tables (look at the photos at the end of the newsletter). Our new furniture for Reception will be arriving over the next few weeks. We'll show you this when it arrives.

Unfortunatley, construction of our new EYFS outdoor equipment and refurbishment of the trim trail has been postponed until October but we're sure it will be worth the wait.

Although restrictions have relaxed, we do have a contingency plan in place, in line with government guidance, in the event that we have any positive cases or an outbreak in school. Please see attached our contingency plan for families which can also be found on the school website with our more detailed school contingency plan.

Mrs Lamb

<http://www.gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk/website/covid/571250>

Drop off and Collection

The school yard feels very busy at drop off and collection times compared to the past year.

Please can parents of KS2 children stand well back until KS1 pupils have entered and left the building. Staff are still getting familiar with names and faces of those collecting. Please give your class teacher a big wave when your child gets to the front of the line so they can see you.

Rainbow Wraparound

Our new Wraparound provision has made a flying start. Huge thanks to Mrs Carrick, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Dodds who have worked hard over the summer sorting bookings and getting things ready for the children.

We have welcomed Mrs Rivett and Mr Weaver to our wraparound team.

Bookings for October and October half term will open on Monday 13th October and close on Monday 20th October. We will not be accepting block bookings for October after this date.

For any ad hoc bookings please contact us via wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk or [Rainbow Wraparound: 07926 946 565](tel:07926946565) for availability.

If you have any pre-loved books, games or toys which are in good condition we'd love them for our wraparound provision. Please drop any items at reception.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

School Council

School Council members (Year 1-4) have been voted in by their classmates this week. School council will be meeting soon to talk about other clubs they'd like to see on offer.

Vacancy

There is a vacancy in the School Crossing Patrol service at the Great North Road site. If anyone is interested in the post, more information can be found at www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol_Officer/212714

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

I'm pleased to announce that Mrs Watkins dropped £230 into the office following sales over the summer. Since last September, in total we have made £962 in pre-loved uniform sales which will be spent on new playtime equipment for the children. Due to space at Mrs Watkin's home, and demand, she now takes in and sells the following:

PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN SELL	
OFFICIAL SCHOOL JUMPERS	£2.50
OFFICIAL SCHOOL CARIGANS	£2.50
OFFICIAL SCHOOL POLOS	£1.50
GIRLS CHECKED DRESSES	£1.50
GREY PINAFORES	£1.50
GREY SKIRTS	£0.50
GREY GIRLS SOFT TROUSERS	£0.50
SCHOOL BAG (NEW STYLE)	£2.50
SCHOOL BAG (OLD STYLE)	£1.50
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50
PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN NOT SELL	
NON – OFFICIAL JUMPERS	
NON – OFFICIAL CARIGANS	
NON – OFFICIAL POLOS	
GREY BOYS TROUSERS	
GREY TAYLORED GIRLS TROUSERS	
GREY BOYS SHORTS	
DAMAGED OR MARKED ITEMS	

Items can be dropped off at any time in bags to the door of 6 Burnside road NE3 2DU – No need to knock REMEMBER - All funds come back to school to be spent on playground equipment for the children. This is a brilliant way to reduce, reuse, recycle and to save money to spend on other things. Text **Kate** on **07947846974** to arrange a collection. When dropping off pre-loved clothes, please make sure that they have been washed. Huge thanks to Mrs Watkins for providing this service.

Playtime Snacks

It's been lovely to see the children catching up with all of their friends on the yard this week. A quick reminder about playtime snacks: Children up to year 2 are offered a free fruit or vegetable snack daily at morning break or you may wish to provide your child with their own preferred fruit or vegetable choice. Key Stage 2 children are also permitted to bring in their own fruit or vegetable snack. Please remember that any form of packaged biscuit bar or snack such as cheese biscuit dippers etc. do not constitute as a fruit or veg snack and so should not be brought in to school for morning break. There is a wealth of fruit and vegetable choice out there that you can choose from, and children are able to bring in small pots of pre-prepared fruit or veg too.

Mrs Wells

Nut Free School



Please remember we are a nut free school. We have children in school with severe nut allergies. Do not send your child with any nut products in their snack or packed lunches such as cereal bars containing nuts or nut based chocolate spreads such as Nutella.

School Clubs

Clubs run by external providers are starting next week. Please see the timetable below. Mr H's new club has been very popular. We have asked Mr H if he can run this again next half term and hope to have some news soon. Our reception children will have a chance to attend clubs a little later in the year once they have settled into their new routines. We will be using some of our Covid catch up premium to offer some of these clubs free to those who we think this would benefit. We will also be starting some in school clubs, which will be free, in the coming weeks.

Updated COVID Guidance

When to self-isolate

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)

Information:

You may need to quarantine when you arrive in England from abroad. [Check the quarantine rules when entering England on GOV.UK](#)

When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

Tell people you've been in close contact with that you have symptoms

Tell people you've been in close contact with in the past 48 hours that you might have COVID-19.

You should tell them to follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#).

They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service.

If they get any symptoms of COVID-19, they should self-isolate and get a test as soon as possible.

How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one
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How long to self-isolate

If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

You may need to self-isolate for longer if you get symptoms while self-isolating or your symptoms do not go away.

Fantastic Furniture!

We are delighted with our new furniture which arrived during the school holiday. You can really see the difference between the last day of the Summer term and the first day of the Autumn term. We are expecting delivery of our new EYFS furniture over the next few weeks and will show you when it arrives.

Before...




After...





External Provider Clubs

Autumn Term

	Lunchtime		After School	
	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
 Monday	Year 1 Handball 12:30-13:00 Outside	Year 4 Handball 12:00-12:30 Outside	KS1 Football 15:30-16:30 Outside	
Tuesday	Year 2 Handball 12:30-13:00 Outside	Year 3 Handball 12:00-12:30 Outside	Outdoor Adventures 15:30-17:00 Outside	
Wednesday	Year 1 French 12:30-13:00 ICT Suite	KS2 French 12:00-12:30 ICT Suite	KS1 Spanish 15:30-16:30 KS1 Classroom	KS2 Football 15:30-16:30 Outside
	KS1 Ball Skills 12:30-13:00 Outside	KS2 Ball Skills 12:00-12:30 Outside		
Thursday	Year 2 French 12:30-13:00 ICT Suite			Outdoor Adventures 15:30-17:00 Outside
Friday				



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